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In re Application of

Jeffrey E. SWENSEN et al.

Serial No. 10/630,779

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For: PRESSURE ENERGIZED
METALLIC SEAL

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: Examiner: Enoch E. Peavey
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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application:

[X] No additional fee is required.

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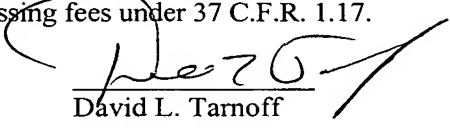
CLAIMS				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 47	- 47	=	0	x 25 =	\$	x 50 =	\$
INDEP 3	- 3	=	0	x 100 =	\$	x 200 =	\$
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM				+ 180 =	\$	+ 360 =	\$
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The restriction requirement dated March 18, 2005 holds that this application contains claims directed to two (2) patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I - Claims 1-32, drawn to a metallic seal (Class 277, subclass 591); or

Group II - Claims 33-47, drawn to a method of manufacturing (Class 29, subclass 888.01).

In particular, the Office Action indicates that the seal (i.e. of claims 1-32) can be made by a materially different method (i.e. other than that of claims 33-47).

In response, Applicants hereby elects Group I (claims 1-32) drawn to a metallic seal, *without* traverse, for examination on the merits. Thus, claims 33-47 are believed to be directed

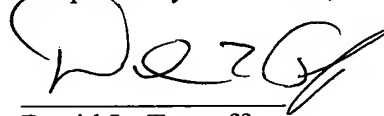
to the non-elected Group II, drawn to a method of manufacturing. Accordingly, these claims 33-47 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims 33-47 be considered and rejoined in this application upon the allowance of a linking claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Response, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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